



BITS OF GOLD

Montana Talking Book Library

Regional Library of the National Library Service
For the Blind and Physically Handicapped
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TALKING BOOK LIBRARY CLOSED OCTOBER 18TH THROUGH OCTOBER 22ND FOR ONE WEEK

The Montana State Library is reorganizing all departments in an effort to bring together all employees on one floor upstairs and the majority of all collections on another floor downstairs.

The Talking Book Library historically has had both employees and its audio book collection located on the same floor. Our current location is upstairs from the 1515 E Sixth Avenue, Helena, entrance. This is level with the East parking lot entrance, which has handicapped accessible parking.

This reorganization will result in the majority of the Talking Book Library's collection (80-90%) being moved downstairs where the State Library's current collection has historically resided. This will provide additional book processing space for the Talking Book Library's collection.

Employees of the Talking Book Library will remain in their current location.

The transition of our collection will take approximately one week to accomplish.

To do this, we anticipate that we will have to close the Talking Book Library for one week from October 18th through October 22nd.

During that week, we will NOT be mailing books to patrons, providing walk-in or WEBOPAC patron services. Equipment will still be replaced as needed. Please do not mail books back during this time if at all possible. All Talking Book Library employees will be participating in the collection move.

We recommend that as a patron, you request additional books prior to the temporary closure or the weeks immediately following our reopening so you won't run out of books.

We are sending this announcement out in large print and cassette format, as well as making announcements on the television and radio.

When calling the Talking Book Library, you will get this message:

“YOU HAVE REACHED THE MONTANA TALKING BOOK LIBRARY. WE ARE CURRENTLY MOVING OUR BOOK COLLECTION AND ARE CLOSED FROM OCTOBER 18TH THROUGH OCTOBER 22ND. WE WILL RESUME SERVICE TO PATRONS ON OCTOBER 25TH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE DURING THIS TRANSITION PERIOD.”

Thank you in advance for your understanding during this transition period. We will work as fast as possible to minimize this interruption in service to you. If you have any questions, please contact us.

LIBRARY HOURS: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm **PHONE HOURS:** Mon-Fri 9am-5pm
PHONE NUMBERS: 1-800-332-3400 or 406-444-2064

For patron requests or if you're not sure who to contact, e-mail us at:
mtbl@state.mt.us

MTBL WEBSITE: www.msl.state.mt.us/tbl
WEBOPAC SITE: www.klasweb.msl.state.mt.us

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OCTOBER 15TH IS WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

A joint resolution of Congress, HR 753, was signed into law on October 6, 1964. It allowed President Lyndon B Johnson to proclaim October 15th of each year as "White Cane Safety Day" to be observed in all fifty states. This day is held to honor the many achievements of blind and visually impaired Americans and to recognize the white cane's significance in advancing their independence. The white cane serves as a visual symbol for our blind citizens. In today's world, the white cane also works as a tool to achieve and maintain independence for the blind and visually impaired. For more information about observances, contact the state MAB office in Helena at 406-442-9411.

TIPS FOR BETTER SERVICE

LOAN PERIOD for books is 60 days.

UNPLUG PLAYER to listen to your books. (If you leave your player plugged in all of the time, you will overcharge the battery and need a replacement).

PROBLEMS with the cassette tapes: Slap the cassette on a flat surface if the tape stops playing or it plays Side One but not Side Two or you hear a "Minnie or Mickey Mouse" voice. When a cassette tape is wound and rewound many times, the torque on the cassette tape will loosen or tighten and influence how the tape sounds.

We NEED your name and phone number when you leave a voice-mail message.

VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET 2004 (VIP 2004)

Copies of the VIP 2004 pamphlet are available in the following formats: Braille, cassettes, CD, electronically, large print, and online. Please contact the Secretary of State's Office at 1-888-884-8683 or www.sos.state.mt.us or soselection@state.mt.us to receive a copy. Some of these copies are also available at your local public library or the Blind and Low Vision Service offices in Billings, Butte, Great Falls, and Missoula.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON THESE HOLIDAYS

Monday	October 11, 2004	Columbus Day
Tuesday	November 2, 2004	Election Day
Thursday	November 11, 2004	Veteran's Day
Thursday	November 25, 2004	Thanksgiving Day
Friday	December 24, 2004	Christmas Eve
Friday	December 31, 2004	New Year's Eve

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REORGANIZING!**

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CLOSED**

OCTOBER 18-22, 2004

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